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Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC, January 2, 2009*

DEAR MS. MILLER: Pursuant to Clause 1(d) of House Rule XI, I am pleased to transmit a report on the activities of the Committee on the Budget for the 110th Congress.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. SPRATT, Jr. *Chairman.*



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### ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

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Mr. SPRATT of South Carolina, from the Committee on the  
Budget, submitted the following

### REPORT

#### JURISDICTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on the Budget was established by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The Budget Committee is responsible for developing and reporting the annual congressional budget resolution, assembling and reporting any reconciliation legislation required by that resolution, and implementing and governing the congressional budget process generally.

The budget resolution, the cornerstone of the congressional budget process, provides an overall framework and plan for action on spending, revenue, and debt limit legislation. It sets ceilings on total budget authority and outlays and a floor on total revenues. It also allocates spending authority to the appropriations committees and among the various authorizing committees that have jurisdiction over direct spending programs. The limits and allocations set by the budget resolution are enforced through points of order.

The budget may also include the optional reconciliation process, which directs appropriate authorizing committees to revise programs under their jurisdiction in order to adjust either projected spending or revenues by specified amounts. If more than one committee receives reconciliation instructions, the Budget Committee is responsible for assembling the reports submitted by the various committees for consideration on the House floor.

In addition to its legislative duties, the Budget Committee also has responsibility for oversight and studies related to the budget process.

The Budget Committee's jurisdictional statement for the 110th Congress, House Rule X, clause 1(d), is as follows:

(1) Concurrent resolutions on the budget (as defined in section 3(4) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), other matters required to be referred to the committee under titles III and IV of that Act, and other measures setting forth appropriate levels of budget totals for the United States Government.

(2) Budget process generally.

(3) Establishment, extension, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal budget, including the budgetary treatment of off-budget Federal agencies and measures providing exemption from reduction under any order issued under part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

### FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET CYCLE

On March 21, 2007, the House Budget Committee began consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 99 (H. Con. Res. 99), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008, with markup of the Chairman's mark. Of the twenty-nine amendments offered, three were adopted. The Committee agreed by voice vote to a Sense of House amendment offered by Mr. Ryan and Ms. Moore on the need for legislative action to ensure child support collection and compliance. The Committee also agreed by voice vote to a Sense of House amendment offered by Mr. Garrett and Mr. Edwards on providing plot allowances to states for the burial of veterans' spouses and eligible children in state veteran cemeteries. In addition, the Committee agreed by voice vote to an amendment offered by Mr. Etheridge to include policy language on college affordability. By a vote of 22 to 17, the Budget Committee reported H. Con. Res. 99 favorably to the House of Representatives and the report accompanying the concurrent resolution, House Report 110-69, was timely filed.

The Committee on Rules reported H. Res. 275, a rule allowing consideration of H. Con. Res. 99 on March 27, 2007 (House Report 110-79). The rule provided for four hours of general debate, with three hours controlled and equally divided by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Budget Committee and one hour controlled and equally divided by Ms. Maloney and Mr. Saxton of the Joint Economic Committee. The rule also allowed for consideration of three alternative budgets: the Congressional Black Caucus substitute offered by Ms. Kilpatrick; the Progressive Caucus substitute offered by Ms. Woolsey; and the Republican substitute offered by Mr. Ryan. The House adopted H. Res. 275 on March 28, 2007.

Pursuant to H. Res. 275, the House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 99 on March 28, 2007. All three budget substitutes made in order were defeated on recorded votes. H. Con. Res. 99 was agreed to by a vote of 216 to 210 on March 29, 2007.

On March 16, 2007, the Senate Budget Committee reported as an original measure on the fiscal year 2008 budget Senate Concurrent Resolution 21 (S. Con. Res. 21). The resolution, as amended, was agreed to in the Senate on March 23, 2007, by a 52 to 47 vote. The House received the message on Senate action March 28, 2007.

The Committee on Rules reported H. Res. 370, a rule providing for consideration of S. Con. Res. 21 on May 3, 2007 (House report 110-121). The rule made it in order for the House to strike all after

the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 21 and insert the text of H. Con. Res. 99 as adopted by the House. In addition, the rule made it in order for the House to insist on its amendment and request a conference with the Senate. On May 8, 2007, the House passed H. Res. 370. The House then agreed to strike all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 21 and insert the provisions of H. Con. Res. 99, insisting on its amendment and requesting a conference with the Senate. The House then considered and agreed to a motion to instruct conferees on S. Con. Res. 21 that was offered by Mr. Ryan, and the Speaker appointed conferees.

The Senate received the message on House action on May 8, 2007. On May 9, 2007, the Senate disagreed with the House amendment and agreed to a request for a conference. Also on May 9, 2007, the Senate considered motions to instruct conferees and appointed conferees. The message on Senate action was sent to the House on May 10, 2007.

The conference report on S. Con. Res. 21 (House Report 110-153) was filed May 16, 2007. The Committee on Rules reported H. Res. 409, a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report on S. Con. Res. 21 that allowed one hour of debate time.

On May 17, 2007, conference papers (including Senate report language, the manager's statement, and a message on House action) were held at the Senate desk. The House passed H. Res. 409 and, by a 214 to 209 vote, adopted the conference report. The Senate agreed to the conference report by a 52 to 40 vote.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2009 CYCLE

On March 5, 2008, the House Budget Committee began consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 312 (H. Con. Res. 312), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009, with markup of the Chairman's mark. Of the thirty-one amendments offered, one was adopted. The Committee agreed by voice vote to a Sense of House amendment offered by Mr. Ryan and Ms. Moore on the importance of ensuring that children receive all the child support that is owed to them. By a vote of 22 to 16, the Budget Committee reported H. Con. Res. 312 favorably to the House of Representatives and the report accompanying the concurrent resolution, House Report 110-543, was timely filed.

The Committee on Rules reported H. Res. 1036, a rule allowing consideration of H. Con. Res. 312 on March 11, 2008 (House Report 110-548). The rule provided for four hours of general debate, with three hours controlled and equally divided by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Budget Committee and one hour controlled and equally divided by Ms. Maloney and Mr. Saxton of the Joint Economic Committee. The rule also allowed for consideration of three alternative budgets: the Congressional Black Caucus substitute offered by Ms. Kilpatrick; the Progressive Caucus substitute offered by Ms. Lee; and the Republican substitute offered by Mr. Ryan. The House passed H. Res. 1036 on March 12, 2008.

Pursuant to H. Res. 1036, the House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 312 on March 12, 2008. All three budget substitutes made in order were defeated on recorded votes. H. Con. Res. 312 was agreed to by a vote of 212 to 207 on March 13, 2008.

On March 7, 2008, the Senate Budget Committee reported as an original measure on the fiscal year 2008 budget Senate Concurrent

Resolution 70 (S. Con. Res. 70). The resolution, as amended, was agreed to in the Senate on March 14, 2008, by a 51 to 44 vote. The House received the message on Senate action March 31, 2008.

The Committee on Rules reported H. Res. 1190, a rule providing for consideration of S. Con. Res. 70 on May 13, 2008 (House Report 110-630). The rule took up S. Con. Res. 70 and did the following: adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H. Con. Res. 312, as adopted by the House; adopted such Senate concurrent resolution as amended; insisted on its amendment; and requested a conference with the Senate. On May 14, 2008, the House passed H. Res. 1190. The House then considered and defeated a motion to instruct conferees on S. Con. Res. 70 that was offered by Mr. Ryan, and the Speaker appointed conferees.

The Senate received the message on House action on May 14, 2008. On May 15, 2008, the Senate disagreed with the House amendment and agreed to a request for a conference. Also on May 15, 2008, the Senate considered motions to instruct conferees and appointed conferees. The message on Senate action was sent to the House on May 16, 2008.

The conference report on S. Con. Res. 70 (House Report 110-659) was filed May 20, 2008. The Committee on Rules then reported H. Res. 1214, a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report on S. Con. Res. 70 that allowed one hour debate time. H. Res. 1214 passed the House on May 21, 2008.

On June 3, 2008, conference papers (including Senate report language and the manager's statement) were held at the Senate desk. The Senate agreed to the conference report by a 48 to 45 vote on June 4, 2008. On June 5, 2008, the House adopted the conference report upon a 214 to 210 vote.

#### ADDITIONAL MATTERS RELATED TO BUDGET ACTIVITIES

##### H. RES. 6

H. Res. 6 is the resolution the House of Representatives considered in adopting rules for the One Hundred Tenth Congress. The resolution contains several new budget enforcement provisions that were adopted in addition to standard House rules on budget process. The enforcement provisions are included in House Rule XXI.

Clause 7 of House Rule XXI provides that reconciliation directives included in a budget resolution under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (CBA) shall not increase a deficit or decrease a surplus.

Clause 8 of House Rule XXI provides that, with respect to measures considered pursuant to a special order of business, points of order under the CBA shall operate without regard to whether the measures concerned have been reported from a committee.

Clause 10 of House Rule XXI consists of a Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) rule requiring that mandatory spending increases and revenue decreases be offset over a six-year and 11-year period.

H. Res. 6 also included separate orders relating to budget process under section 511 of the resolution. Section 511 provides that references to resolutions in section 306 of the CBA shall apply to only joint resolutions (not simple or concurrent resolutions). Section 511 also provides that a point of order under section 303 of the CBA



is applicable to text made in order as an original bill by a special rule, or to the text on which the previous question is ordered, whichever the case may be. Pursuant to section 511, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, H. Con. Res. 376, remained in effect until the fiscal year 2008 budget was adopted. The section also required the Chairman of the Budget Committee (when elected) to print in the Congressional Record both committee allocations for the fiscal year 2008 budget and accounts identified for advance appropriations as referred to in H. Con. Res. 376 (109th Congress).

#### BUDGET ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The committee worked with authorizing committees and the Appropriations Committee to monitor legislation and evaluate its compliance with House rules and the budget resolution.

#### OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Under clause 1(d)(1) of House Rule X, a primary responsibility of the Budget Committee is the development of a concurrent budget resolution that sets spending and revenue levels in aggregate and across all budget functions. The budget functions encompass all Federal programs or activities other than those that are defined as off-budget, such as Social Security and the Postal Service, and those that are considered non-budgetary, such as the Federal Reserve. The committee's formal oversight responsibility focuses on law governing the budget process and the agencies responsible for administering elements of those laws. Under clauses 1(d)(2) and (3) of House Rule X, the major laws falling within its oversight are the Budget and Accounting Act of 1920, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the Emergency Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985. The two agencies with primary responsibility for administering elements of these laws, and hence which fall under the committee's jurisdiction, are the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office. In addition to these general oversight responsibilities, the Budget Committee has special oversight responsibility under clause 3 of House Rule X to study the effect of budget outlays of existing and proposed legislation and to request and evaluate continuing studies of tax expenditures.

The committee met on January 18, 2007, to organize for the 110th Congress. In addition to adopting rules of procedure for the committee, the committee adopted a written oversight plan. The priorities of the oversight plan included holding hearings and receiving testimony from Members of Congress, Cabinet-level and other Federal officials, State and local officials, and expert witnesses to review the President's budget submissions and other alternatives to programs and activities; studying the budgetary effect of existing law and proposed legislation, as well as government regulation, on government spending; and reviewing views and estimates submitted by committees in development of the concurrent resolution on the budget.

With regard to budget enforcement, the oversight plan called on the committee to conduct ongoing oversight of the Office of Management and Budget's budget activities under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1920, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the

Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, and other applicable laws. The oversight plan also outlined the necessity of studying federal direct spending and tax incentives policies and the effect those policies have on the Federal budget.

The Budget Committee's oversight plan proposed a total of 26 hearings for the 110th Congress. The Committee exceeded this plan by holding a total of 43 hearings for the 110th Congress.

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARINGS FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

The following is a complete list of hearings held by the Committee on the Budget during the 110th Congress:

##### FIRST SESSION

Date	Title	Witnesses
01/18/07	Budgeting for War	The Honorable Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Accompanied by: Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Honorable Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); Steven M. Kosiak, Center on Strategic and Budgetary Assessments; Robert A. Sunshine, Congressional Budget Office
01/23/07	Why Deficits Matter	The Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Dr. Edward M. Gramlich, Richard B. Fisher Senior Fellow, Urban Institute; Dr. Edwin M. Truman, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics
01/30/07	The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook	Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office
02/06/07	The President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget	The Honorable Robert J. Portman, Director, Office of Management and Budget
02/07/07	Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2008 Budget	The Honorable Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary, Department of the Treasury
02/13/07	Department of Health and Human Services FY 2008 Budget	The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
02/14/07	Members' Day	Rep. Collin C. Peterson, MN; Rep. Bob Goodlatte, VA; Rep. Dennis Cardoza, CA; Rep. Norman Dicks, WA; Rep. Julia Carson, IN; Rep. Vernon Ehlers, MI; Rep. Rush Holt, NJ; Rep. Nancy Boyda, KS; Rep. Vern Buchanan, FL; Rep. Rick Larsen, WA; Rep. Frank Wolf, VA; Rep. Robin Hayes, NC; Rep. Jim Matheson, UT; Rep. Brian Higgins, NY; Rep. Michael Turner, OH; Del. Donna Christensen, Virgin Islands; Rep. Bob Filner, CA; Rep. James Oberstar, MN; Rep. Michael Honda, CA; Rep. Jason Altmire, PA; Rep. Timothy Walz, MN; Rep. Brad Ellsworth, IN; Rep. John Boozman, AR; Rep. Diane Watson, CA; Rep. Rob Bishop, UT
02/15/07	U. S. Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Priorities	<p>Panel I</p> <p>The Honorable Mike Johanns, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture Accompanied by: Deputy Secretary Charles F. Conner, Budget Officer; W. Scott Steele, Chief Economist; Keith Collins</p> <p>Panel II</p> <p>Deborah Frank, M.D., Director, Grow Clinic for Children, Boston Medical Center; Denise Holland, Executive Director, Harvest Hope Food Bank, Columbia, SC</p>

## FIRST SESSION—Continued

Date	Title	Witnesses
02/16/07	IRS and the Tax Gap	<p>Panel I</p> <p>The Honorable Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service</p> <p>Panel II</p> <p>Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, Internal Revenue Service; The Honorable J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Chris Edwards, Director of Tax Policy Studies, CATO Institute</p>
02/28/07	Fiscal Challenges and the Economy in the Long Term	The Honorable Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
03/01/07	Department of Veterans Affairs: Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Priorities	The Honorable R. James "Jim" Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Accompanied by: Michael J. Kussman, MD, MS, MACP, Acting Under Secretary for Health; The Honorable Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary for Benefits; The Honorable William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs; The Honorable Robert J. Henke, Assistant Secretary for Management; Robert T. Howard, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology
03/06/07	The Department of Defense and the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget	The Honorable Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense
06/26/07	Foreign Holdings of U.S. Debt: Is Our Economy Vulnerable?	<p>Panel I</p> <p>Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office</p> <p>Panel II</p> <p>Dr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs (International); Dr. Mickey Levy, Chief Economist, Bank of America; Dr. Kenneth Rogoff, Professor of Economics and Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University; Dr. Brad Setser, Senior Economist, Roubini Global Economics</p>
06/28/07	Medicare Advantage and the Federal Budget	<p>Panel I</p> <p>Dr. Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Dr. Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission</p> <p>Panel II</p> <p>Mark McClellan, M.D., Ph.D., Visiting Senior Fellow, AEI-Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies, Associate Professor of Economics and of Medicine, Stanford University; The Honorable Barbara B. Kennelly, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare; Patricia Neuman, Sc.D., Vice President, Director, Medicare Policy Project, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Robert M. Wah, M.D., Member, Board of Trustees, American Medical Association; Catherine Schmitt, Vice President, Federal Programs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan</p>
07/17/07	Budgeting to Fight Waste, Fraud, and Abuse	<p>Panel I</p> <p>The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Panel II</p> <p>Linda Stiff, Deputy Commissioner of Operations Support, Internal Revenue Service; Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; Timothy B. Hill, Chief Financial Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; M. Patricia Smith, Commissioner, New York Department of Labor</p>

## FIRST SESSION—Continued

Date	Title	Witnesses
07/25/07	Perspectives on Renewing Statutory PAYGO	<p>Panel I</p> <p>Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; The Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office</p> <p>Panel II</p> <p>Robert L. Bixby, Executive Director, Concord Coalition; Robert Greenstein, Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Maya MacGuineas, President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget; The Honorable Pat Toomey, President and CEO, Club for Growth</p>
07/31/07	The Costs of Military Operation and Reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan	<p>Panel I</p> <p>The Honorable Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense, accompanied by Tina Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, The Joint Staff</p> <p>Panel II</p> <p>Robert Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; The Honorable Joseph Saloom, Ambassador of the United States and Senior Transition Advisor, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable John A. Gastright, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State</p>
08/02/07	Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: What Will Be the Long-Term Effect on the Federal Budget?	Stanley Czerwinski, Government Accountability Office; Donald E. Powell, Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding; Reverend Donald Boutte, Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana
09/20/07	Using Taxpayers' Dollars Most Efficiently: Perspectives on Performance Budgeting	The Honorable Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; The Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, U. S. Government Accountability Office, Dr. Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office
10/4/07	Issues in Federal Government Financial Liabilities: Commercial Nuclear Waste	Kim P. Cawley, Unit Chief, Natural and Physical Resources Cost Estimates Unit, Congressional Budget Office; The Honorable Edward F. Sproat III, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy; Michael F. Hertz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice
10/18/07	The Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage	Leonard E. Burman, Ph.D., Senior Fellow and Director of the Tax Policy Center, Urban Institute; Grace-Marie Turner, President, Galen Institute
10/24/07	The Growing Budgetary Costs of the Iraq War	Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Amy Belasco, Congressional Research Service; Professor Linda Bilmes, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
10/25/07	Surface Transportation: Investment Needs and the Budget	The Honorable Mary E. Peters, Secretary, U. S. Department of Transportation; Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; Janet F. Kavinoky, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Robert Puentes, Fellow, the Brookings Institution
11/01/07	Counting the Change: Accounting for the Fiscal Impacts of Controlling Carbon Emissions	Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Robert Greenstein, Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; David D. Doniger, Policy Director, Natural Resources Defense Council; Anne E. Smith, Ph.D., Vice President, CRA International
12/05/07	State of the U. S. Economy and the Implications for the Federal Budget	Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Dr. Martin Feldstein, George F. Baker Professor of Economics, Harvard University, and the President and CEO, National Bureau of Economic Research; Dr. C. Fred Bergsten, Director, Peterson Institute for International Economics

## FIRST SESSION—Continued

Date	Title	Witnesses
12/13/07	CBO's Long-Term Budget Outlook	Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office

## SECOND SESSION

Date	Title	Witnesses
01/17/08	The Near-Term Outlook for the U. S. Economy	The Honorable Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
01/17/08	The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook	Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office
01/29/08	Using Fiscal Policy to Bolster the U.S. Economy	Lawrence H. Summers, Ph.D., Charles W. Eliot University Professor, Harvard University; Alice M. Rivlin, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution; Robert Greenstein, Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Brian Wesbury, Chief Economist, First Trust Advisors, L.P.
02/07/08	The President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget	The Honorable Jim Nussle, Director, Office of Management and Budget
02/13/08	Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget	The Honorable Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary, Department of the Treasury
02/27/08	Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2009 Budget	The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
02/27/08	Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2009 Budget	The Honorable Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense
02/28/08	Members' Day	Rep. Christopher Murphy, CT; Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, TX; Rep. Kathy Castor, FL; Rep. Mike Honda, CA; Rep. Gabrielle Gifford, AZ; Rep. Peter Welch, VT; Rep. Ted Poe, TX; Rep. Bob Filner, CA; Rep. David Loebsack, IA; Rep. Chris Carney, PA; Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, NY; Rep. John Lewis, GA; Rep. Jason Altmire, PA; Rep. Ron Klein, FL; Rep. Bruce Braley, IA; Rep. Brian Higgins, NY; Rep. Vern Ehlers, MI; Rep. Steve Kagen, WI; Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, NH; Rep. Rick Larsen, WA; Rep. Rush Holt, NJ; Rep. Donna Christensen, VI; Rep. Betty Sutton, OH; Rep. Tim Walz, MN; Rep. Danny Davis, IL; Rep. Frank Wolf, VA; Rep. Joe Courtney, CT; Rep. Vito Fossella, NY; Rep. Mazie Hirono, HI
05/08/08	Joint Hearing of the Committee on Budget and the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure on Financing Infrastructure Investments	Dr. Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Patricia A. Dalton, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office
06/24/08	The SAFE Commission Act (H.R. 3654) and the Long-Term Fiscal Challenge	The Honorable Peter G. Peterson, Chairman, The Peter G. Peterson Foundation; The Honorable David M. Walker, President and CEO, The Peter G. Peterson Foundation; Robert Greenstein, Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Henry J. Aaron, Ph.D., Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution; Alison Acosta Fraser, Director of Economic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation
07/16/08	Getting Better Value in Health Care	Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Jeanne Lambrew, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress, Associate Professor, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas; David Gratz, M.D., Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research

## SECOND SESSION—Continued

Date	Title	Witnesses
07/30/08	Rising Food Prices: Budget Challenges	Josette Sheeran, Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme; Jared Bernstein, Director of the Living Standards Program, Economic Policy Institute; Susan Berkowitz, Executive Director, South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center; Steve H. Hanke, Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute
09/09/08	A Weakened Economy: How to Respond?	Lawrence Summers, Ph.D., Charles W. Eliot University Professor, Kennedy School, Harvard University, Former Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury; Allen Sinai, Ph.D., Chief Global Economist, Strategist, and President, Decision Economics, Inc.; David Kreutzer, Ph.D., Senior Policy Analyst in Energy Economics and Climate Change, The Heritage Foundation, Center for Data Analysis
09/16/08	Iraq's Budget Surplus	Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Christopher M. Blanchard, Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs, Congressional Research Service; Frederick W. Kagan, Ph.D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Lawrence J. Korb, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
09/24/08	Federal Responses to Market Turmoil: What's the Impact on the Budget?	Dr. Peter Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office
09/25/08	Budget Reform Proposals for the 111th Congress	Maya MacGuineas, President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget; Richard Kogan, Senior Fellow on Federal Budgeting, The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; C. Eugene Steuerle, Ph.D., Vice President, Peter G. Peterson Foundation
10/20/08	Economic Recovery: Options and Challenges	The Honorable Benjamin S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Martin N. Baily, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Iris J. Lav, Deputy Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; William W. Beach, Director, Center for Data Analysis; The Heritage Foundation

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF MEASURES ON WHICH ACTION WAS TAKEN

The Committee on the Budget acted on the following legislative measures:

## FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET RESOLUTION

*House Concurrent Resolution 99*

Sponsor—Chairman John M. Spratt, Jr.

Title—Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

March 23, 2007—The House Committee on the Budget reported an original measure, H. Rept. 110-69, by Mr. Spratt.

March 23, 2007—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 40.

March 27, 2007—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 275 reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of H. Con. Res. 99 with 4 hours of general debate.

March 28, 2007—Rule H. Res. 275 passed House.

March 28, 2007—Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 275.

March 29, 2007—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

March 29, 2007—On agreeing to the resolution agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 216—210 (Roll no. 212).

March 29, 2007—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

*Senate Concurrent Resolution 21*

March 28, 2007—Received in the House

May 3, 2007—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 370 reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of S. Con. Res. 21. Upon the adoption of this resolution, it shall be in order to consider in the House, S. Con. Res. 21. All points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution are waived. The concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. It shall be in order to strike out all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 21 and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H. Con. Res. 99 as adopted by the House. It shall then be in order for the House to insist on its amendment to S. Con. Res. 21 and to ask for a conference.

May 8, 2007—Rule H. Res. 370 passed House.

May 8, 2007—Rule provides for consideration of S. Con. Res. 21. Upon the adoption of this resolution, it shall be in order to consider in the House, S. Con. Res. 21. All points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution are waived. The concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. It shall be in order to strike out all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 21 and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H. Con. Res. 99 as adopted by the House. It shall then be in order for the House to insist on its amendment to S. Con. Res. 21 and to ask for a conference.

May 8, 2007—The House struck all after the enacting clause and inserted in lieu thereof the provisions of a similar measure H. Con. Res. 99. Agreed to without objection.

May 8, 2007—On agreeing to the resolution: Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 212—207 (Roll no. 307).

May 8, 2007—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

May 8, 2007—On motion that the House insist on its amendment and request a conference agreed to without objection.

May 8, 2007—Mr. Ryan (WI) moved that the House instruct conferees.

May 8, 2007—The previous question was ordered without objection.

May 8, 2007—On motion that the House instruct conferees agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 364-57 (Roll no. 308).

May 8, 2007—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

May 8, 2007—The Speaker appointed conferees: Spratt, DeLauro, Edwards, Ryan (WI), and Barrett (SC).

May 8, 2007—Message on the House action received in Senate and held at the desk.

May 9, 2007—Senate disagreed to House amendment, agreed to request for conference.

May 10, 2007—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

May 16, 2007—Conference report H. Rept. 110-153 filed.

- May 16, 2007—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 409 reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to S. Con. Res. 21. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour.
- May 17, 2007—Conference papers held at the desk in Senate.
- May 17, 2007—Conference report considered in Senate by unanimous consent.
- May 17, 2007—H. Res. 409 passed House.
- May 17, 2007—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- May 17, 2007—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.
- May 17, 2007—On agreeing to the conference report agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 214—209 (Roll no. 377).
- May 17, 2007—Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay vote of 52-40. Record vote number: 172.
- May 17, 2007—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET RESOLUTION

*House Concurrent Resolution 312*

Sponsor—Chairman John M. Spratt, Jr.

Title—Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

- March 7, 2008—The House Committee on the Budget reported an original measure, H. Rept. 110-543, by Mr. Spratt.
- March 7, 2008—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 331.
- March 11, 2008—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1036 reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of H. Con. Res. 312 with 4 hours of general debate.
- March 12, 2008—Rule H. Res. 1036 passed House.
- March 12, 2008—Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1036.
- March 13, 2008—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- March 13, 2008—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.
- March 13, 2008—On agreeing to the resolution agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 212—207 (Roll no. 141).
- May 13, 2008—Rules Committee resolution H. Res. 1190 reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of S. Con. Res. 70 and H. Con. Res. 312. The rule adopts an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H. Con. Res. 312 as adopted by the House, adopts S. Con. Res. 70, as amended, and provides that the House insists on its amendment and requests a conference with the Senate.
- May 14, 2008—Rule H. Res. 1190 passed House.
- May 14, 2008—Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1190, H. Con. Res. 312 is laid on the table.



*Senate Concurrent Resolution 70*

March 31, 2008—Received in the House.

May 14, 2008—Considered under the provisions of H. Res. 1190

May 14, 2008—Rule provides for consideration of S. Con. Res. 70 and H. Con. Res. 312. The rule adopts an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text H. Con. Res. 312 as adopted by the House, adopts S. Con. Res. 70, as amended, and provides that the House insists on its amendment and requests a conference with the Senate.

May 14, 2008—The House struck all after the enacting clause and inserted in lieu thereof provisions of a similar measure, H. Con. Res. 312. Agreed to without objection.

May 14, 2008—On agreeing to the resolution: agreed without objection.

May 14, 2008—On motion that the House insist on its amendment, and request a conference agreed to without objection.

May 14, 2008—Mr. Ryan (WI) moved that the House instruct conferees.

May 14, 2008—The previous question was ordered without objection.

May 14, 2008—Message on House action received in Senate.

May 14, 2008—On motion that the House instruct conferees failed by the Yeas and Nays: 185-229 (Roll no. 321).

May 14, 2008—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

May 14, 2008—The Speaker appointed conferees: Spratt, DeLauro, Edwards, Ryan (WI), and Barrett (SC).

May 15, 2008—Senate disagreed to House amendment, agreed to request for conference.

May 16, 2008—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

May 20, 2008—Conference report H. Rept. 110-659 filed.

May 20, 2008—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1214 reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to S. Con. Res. 70. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour.

May 21, 2008—Rule H. Res. 1214 passed House.

June 3, 2008—Conference papers held at the desk in Senate.

June 4, 2008—Pursuant to the order of the Senate of June 3, 2008, the Senate voted on adoption of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70.

June 4, 2008—Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay vote: 48-45.

June 5, 2008—Mr. Spratt brought up conference report H. Rept. 110-659 for consideration under the provisions of H. Res. 1214.

June 5, 2008—The previous question was ordered without objection.

June 5, 2008—Motions to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

June 5, 2008—On agreeing to the conference report agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 214—210 (Roll no. 382).

# BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

The following is a complete list of measures that were referred to the Committee on the Budget:

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Title
H. Con. Res. 99	Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.
H. Con. Res. 109	Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012
H. Con. Res. 312	Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.
H. Res. 27	Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	To institute a Pay-As-You-Go rule in the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.
H. Res. 28	Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	To institute a reconciliation rule in the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.
H. J. Res. 52	Rep. Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]	Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.
H.R.6	Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007
H.R.93	Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	Social Security Protection Act of 2007
H.R.352	Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	Poverty Impact Trigger Act of 2007
H.R.419	Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	Natural Disaster Relief Act
H.R.473	Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	SAFE Commission Act
H.R.489	Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	Commission On Reforming Entitlement Spending Act
H.R.595	Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	Stimulating Leadership in Limiting Expenditures (or 'SLICE') Act of 2007
H.R.689	Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2007
H.R.925	Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-21]	Emergency Farm Assistance Act of 2007
H.R.1050	Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	A Living Wage, Jobs For All Act
H.R.1090	Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	Social Security Guarantee Plus Act of 2007
H.R.1121	Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	Government Waste Reduction Act of 2007

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H.R.1122	Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	Emergency Spending Control Act of 2007
H.R.1322	Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act of 2007
H.R.1353	Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	Social Security Protection and Truth in Budgeting Act of 2007
H.R.1375	Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]	Earmark Accountability and Reform Act of 2007
H.R.1442	Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	Zero Baseline Budget Act of 2007
H.R.1789	Rep. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ-6]	To require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law.
H.R.1998	Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	Congressional Accountability and Line-Item Veto Act of 2007
H.R.2084	Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	Family Budget Protection Act of 2007
H.R.2187	Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	To make emergency supplemental appropriations for Katrina recovery for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.
H.R.2206	Rep. Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007
H.R.2207	Rep. Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]	Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007
H.R.2372	Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	WEAN Off of Oil Act of 2007
H.R.2469	Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	Biennial Budgeting Act of 2008
H.R.2574	Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	Iraq Study Group Recommendations Implementation Act of 2007
H.R.2685	Rep. Hill, Baron P. [D-IN-9]	Fiscal Honesty and Accountability Act of 2007
H.R.2686	Rep. Hill, Baron P. [D-IN-9]	Budget Enforcement and Accountability Act of 2007
H.R.2784	Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	National Environment and Energy Development Act
H.R.2809	Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	New Apollo Energy Act of 2007
H.R.2941	Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	Victims of Crime Act Preservation Fund Act of 2007
H.R.3400	Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	Rebuilding America's Infrastructure
H.R.3654	Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	SAFE Commission Act
H.R.3655	Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action Act of 2007

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H.R.3738	Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	Earmark Reform Act of 2007
H.R.3958	Rep. Bachmann, Michele [R-MN-6]	Truth in Accounting Act of 2007
H.R.4104	Rep. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS-1]	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008
H.R.4156	Rep. Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008
H.R.4181	Rep. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ-6]	Securing Medicare and Retirement for Tomorrow Act of 2007
H.R.4338	Rep. Walberg, Timothy [R-MI-7]	Social Security and Medicare Lock-Box Act
H.R.4664	Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	Social Security Surplus Protection Act of 2007
H.R.5180	Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program
H.R.5444	Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	Job Investment and Economic Stimulus Act of 2008
H.R.5541	Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act
H.R.5678	Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	Neighborhood Rescue and Stabilization Act of 2008
H.R.5995	Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	Gas Tax Relief and Earmark Moratorium Act of 2008
H.R.6026	Rep. Lewis, Jerry [R-CA-41]	Clean Global War on Terror Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008
H.R.6053	Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	Price Stability Act of 2008
H.R.6086	Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	To make emergency supplemental appropriations for Katrina recovery for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.
H.R.6105	Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	Fiscal Integrity through Transparency (FIT) Act of 2008
H.R.6110	Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	Roadmap for America's Future Act of 2008
H.R.6132	Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	To authorize the use of amounts in the Nuclear Waste Fund to promote the recycling of spent nuclear fuel, and for other purposes.
H.R.6385	Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	Apollo Energy Independence Act of 2008
H.R. 6427	Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	Warm in Winter and Cool in Summer Act
H.R.6538	Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	Home Energy Assistance Through Emergency Relief Act

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H.R.6594	Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2008
H.R.6690	Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	Sound Dollar and Economic Stimulus Act of 2008
H.R.6709	Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	National Conservation, Environment, and Energy Independence Act
H.R.6899	Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act
H.R.6964	Rep. Foss, Virginia [R-NC-5]	Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2008
H.R.6967	Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	Debt Repayment Instead of Pork Act of 2008
H.R.7014	Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	NAFTA Modernization Trade Negotiating Authority Act
H.R.7110	Rep. Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]	Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act of 2008
H.R.7206	Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	Spending Reform Act of 2008
H.R.7223	Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	Free Market Protection Act of 2008
H.R.7229	Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	Children's Budget Act
H.R.7321	Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	Auto Industry Financing and Restructuring Act

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February 4, 2008	Final Bush Budget Continues Same Failed Fiscal Policies

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#### MINORITY ADDENDUM

The minority staff also assisted the Ranking Member with the preparation of a report and legislation on the entitlement crisis. The Roadmap for America's Future Act of 2008 (HR 6110), introduced on 21 May 2008, would address the long-term entitlement

crisis by reforming entitlement programs and the tax code to put the budget and economy on a sustainable path.

